

private transporters of natural gas in Argentina. GdE was the sole transporter of natural gas in the country. In addition, there were no separate transportation rates for natural gas in the country until after 1992. During our review period, the published tariff rates for natural gas included the cost for the natural gas, its transportation, and its distribution.

Therefore, because there were no separate rates for transportation in Argentina during the period of review, to determine whether the transportation rates for natural gas charged to Siderca under the GdE contract were preferential, we compared those prices to the transportation cost study conducted by an independent consulting firm, Stone & Webster. Stone & Webster were technical advisors to the GOA in the privatization of GdE.

This Stone & Webster cost study detailed the cost of transporting natural gas from the gas fields to Siderca's plant. We compared the transportation cost detailed in the Stone & Webster study to the price negotiated in the GdE contract. Based upon this comparison, we determined that the price charged to Siderca for transportation of natural gas under the GdE contract was much higher than the gas company's costs and provided a large profit for GdE. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that the transportation rates charged to Siderca in the GdE contract were not preferential, and thus not countervailable, during the review period.

### III. Programs Preliminary Found Not To Be Used

We examined the following programs and preliminarily find that the producers and/or exporters of the subject merchandise did not apply for or receive benefits under these programs during the period of review:

- Medium- and Long-Term Loans
- Capital Grants
- Income and Capital Tax Exemptions
- Government Trade Promotion Programs
- Exemption from Stamp Taxes Under Decree 186/74
- Incentives for Trade (Stamp Tax Exemption Under Decree 716)
- Incentive for Export
- Export Financing Under OPRAC 1, Circular RF-21
- Pre-Financing of Exports Under Circular RF-153
- Loan Guarantees
- Post-Export Financing Under OPRAC 1-9
- Debt Forgiveness
- Tax Deduction Under Decree 173/

### IV. Program Preliminarily Found Not to Exist

#### Tax Concessions for the Steel Industry

Petitioners alleged that under Paragraph 8 of the April 11, 1991 Steel Agreement between the GOA and Argentine steel producers that the GOA provides the steel industry with tax concessions. According to the response of the GOA, Paragraph 8 of the Steel Agreement does not provide tax concessions to the steel industry but merely states that the industry's Reembolso level will be studied taking into account the tax incidence of steel producers. For information on the Reembolso/Reintegro program, see the program "Rebate of Indirect Taxes," above. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that there were no new tax concessions provided to the steel industry under the Steel Agreement.

#### Preliminary Results of Review

For the period January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1991, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be 0.49 percent *ad valorem*.

If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties of 0.49 percent *ad valorem* on entries of the subject merchandise covered by this administrative review for the period January 1, 1991 through September 19, 1991, and to liquidate all entries made on or after September 20, 1991 through December 31, 1991, without regard to countervailing duties.

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation methodology and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held seven days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38(e).

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later

than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under section 355.38(c), are due.

The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 355.22.

Dated: June 4, 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Advisory Council on Indian Education

**AGENCY:** National Advisory Council on Indian Education, ED.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting cancellation.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the cancellation of a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education that was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 62, No. 102, page 28841, Wednesday, May 28, 1997. This meeting has been canceled due to the lack of obtaining a quorum for the meeting, which was scheduled for June 11, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**DATES:** JUNE 6, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Program Committee of the National Educational Research Policy and Priorities Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is